

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presented amended, is respectfully requested.

By the present Preliminary Amendment, the specification is amended to correct minor informalities, and to provide a new Abstract believed to be in more proper format under United States practice.

Further, claim 14 is amended to correct its dependency.

The presently submitted amendments are deemed to be self-evident from the original disclosure, and thus are not deemed to raise any issues of new matter.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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